

### REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were presented for examination. Claims 1-7, 9 and 12 have been amended to address the objections thereto. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of all pending claims are hereby respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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